Computerisation of treasuries

4204. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government have agreed to finance the project of computerisation of treasuries being executed by Software Technology Parks of India, Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and released therefor, so far, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received requests from various State Governments including Maharashtra and Karnataka to provide assistance for computerisation of District and Sub-treasuries;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) by when the funds are likely to be released for completion of the project, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Information Technology through National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been providing technical support to all the States for computerisation of their treasuries. This Ministry also provides limited financial support for pilot projects to establish proof of concept and the mass scale deployment has to be undertaken by the respective States from their own resources. A proposal seeking financial assistance of Rs.47.4 crores for computerisation of treasuries was received from Government of Karnataka which has been examined and they have been advised to re-cast the same in accordance with existing guidelines.

Encouragement to Internet Services

4205. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy is to encourage internet services for the promotion of Information Technology;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to accord sanction for opening of Information Technology College in Jaipur for Information and Technology as well as connecting Jaipur and Udaipur cities with an International gateway-hub; and

(c) if so, by when the sanction would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has no proposal at present to open Information Technology College in Jaipur. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited has six international internet gateways at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Chennai and Pune. Jaipur and Udaipur are connected to Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limted (VSNL) gateways through National Internet Backbone of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. In addition, in-principal clearance has been given to five other Internet Service Providers to set up five international internet gateways at Jaipur -and two at Udaipur.

Skilled Workers in IT Sector

† 4206. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the requirement of a total Twenty-two lakh skilled labourers under Information Technology Industry in the country by 2008 has been estimated;

(b) if so, the total number of skilled labourers available and working under the industry in the country by the end of the year 2000; and

(c) the annual average that has been recorded with regard to availability of skilled labourers for Information Technology Industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)As per National Association of Software and Services 'Company (NASSCOM) Survey, 4,10,000 IT software and services professionals were employed in the country by the end of the year 2000.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.